

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
AUGUST 29, 2012**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, pursuant to the call of the Mayor and notice given to the media.

Call to order.

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Absent
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Absent
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Five of the seven council members were in attendance, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the special meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose. Mayor Seitz said the purpose of the special meeting was to consider a disclosure of relative's contract statement.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said a contract to replace a roof on a building at the street department was awarded to Schmidt Contracting Inc. Council member Thomas Schmidt is director of operations for Schmidt Contracting Inc., therefore, Mr. Schmidt needed to submit a relative's contract disclosure statement. The council must accept the disclosure statement at a public meeting prior to final action on the contract. Schmidt Contracting wanted to install the roof as soon as possible.

Thomas Schmidt then recused himself from any discussion on the matter and from voting on the matter.

The council members then reviewed a copy of the disclosure statement that was distributed to each member by Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to accept the relative's contract disclosure statement that was submitted by Council member Thomas Schmidt. Motion carried 4-0.

Bill Schmitt with IACT said many communities forget that contracting with a governmental unit is part of Indiana's new nepotism law. IACT has some attorneys working on the clarification and interpretation of the nepotism law.

Mayor Seitz reminded everyone that there is a pre-adoption budget public hearing on September 7 at 8:00 a.m. and a special meeting scheduled for September 10th at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 19th day of September, 2012.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer